GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

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Price Regulation by NPPA
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) has any proposal to reduce the price of coronary stents to half of the per cent price in order to give relief to patients;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the other steps taken to regulate the price and quality of essential drugs and life saving medical devices including coronary stents available in the market?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS; MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA)

(a): Yes, Madam.
(b): Consequent to inclusion of coronary stents in the National List of Essential Medicines 2015 and in the First Schedule of Drugs (Prices Control) Order 2013 (DPCO, 2013) vide notification dated 21st December, 2016, National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) is in the process of fixing the ceiling prices of Coronary stents.
(c): National Pharmaceutical Pricing Policy 2012 provides for regulations of prices of essential medicines as decided by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare in the form of National List of Essential Medicines (NLEM) after exhaustive consultation with the technical experts, medical practitioners and other stakeholders. The NLEM − 2015, which now also includes cardiac stents- (i) Bare Metal Stents (BMS); (ii) Drug Eluting Stents (DES) including metallic DES and Bioresorbable Vascular Scaffold (BVS)/ Biodegradable stents is now included in Schedule − I of DPCO, 2013 and ceiling prices of these are being fixed as per provisions of DPCO, 2013.

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